

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -  
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules  
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,  
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

As a concerned American I respectfully ask that you do not go forward with any plans to enable the further concentration of media ownership. Neither I, nor any of my peers, believe that further consolidation of the channels of communication is in the best interests of a democratic society. The commodification of essential goods, bringing them into a position where they benefit the profit maximization of an entity, does not maximize the common good. That there is no clamor in mainstream media over their own consolidation is further proof that ownership concentration has gone too far already and an intellectual anemia has already instilled a "don't rock the boat" mentality. People feel that they are being fed part truths and hunger for the whole story. Just like in a natural eco-system, a multiplicity of building blocks in an economy is a stabler and more productive. Fewer, larger media beasts won't do anything to bring us better information or entertainment.

Furthermore, please hold, and publicize, more than 1 meeting for public input. One on this side of the continent would be nice. You may be surprised how few people who aren't paid for their services support furthering the concentration of media ownership. The airwaves belong to the people, control of the channels of public discourse is of the greatest concern in a democratic society and too vital to trust to the "Enrons" of tomorrow.

Sincerely, Michael McKaskle